

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments.

The Specification has been amended to include a cross-reference to related applications PCT/EP2005/001114, international filing date of February 3, 2005, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/543,649 filed February 11, 2004, now expired, and claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/635,791, filed December 14, 2004, now expired.

Claims 2, 16 and 30 are amended herein to incorporate elements of canceled claims. Claims 11, 12, 14, 20, 27, and 28 are amended herein to correct dependencies necessitated by the cancellation of claims herein. Support for these amendments can be found, *inter alia*, in original claims 1-35. No new matter has been added.

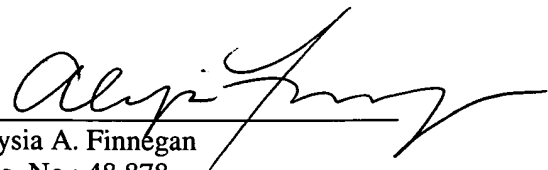
Claims 3, 6, 9, 17-19, 25-26, 31, and 35 are canceled herein without prejudice to pursuing the subject matter of said claim in a later filed divisional application.

Applicants assert all claims are in condition for allowance and a favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would be of value, he is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

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